



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON
1386 TROOP ROW SW
FORT MCPHERSON GA 30330-1069

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27 September 2005

**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS/DIRECTORS/CHIEFS, FORT MCPHERSON
AND FORT GILLEM STAFF ELEMENTS**

SUBJECT: Fort McPherson Policy Letter 29, Firearms/Weapons

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives, 12 February 1998
- b. Fort McPherson Regulation 210-5, Installation Regulation Policy and Procedures, 1 October 2004
2. Applicability: This policy applies to all military personnel, their family members, civilians, customers, partners, and contractors who perform duties, reside, utilize facilities, and/or enter and travel on the installation.
3. This policy is punitive with regard to individuals who are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Penalties for violating this policy include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions, both criminal and administrative. Violations by civilian employees may be the basis for appropriate disciplinary action
4. Authorized Weapons. The following weapons are authorized on the installation if registered, used, transported, stored, and possessed in accordance with this policy.
 - a. Air guns (pellet and BB pistols/ rifles).
 - b. Bows (long bows and crossbows) and steel or other hard tipped arrows.
 - c. Nonfunctioning antiques and demilitarized weapons provided it is maintained as part of a souvenir collection or for decorative purposes.
 - d. Lawfully owned weapons that are not otherwise prohibited by this policy or Georgia state law.

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5. Registration.

a. Weapons must be registered with the Garrison Provost Marshal's Office (PMO) in order to be brought onto the installation. The actual weapon is not needed to register.

b. Personnel must clear the registration office if the weapon has been permanently removed from the installation, sold, lost, stolen, or otherwise disposed of.

6. Storage. Authorized weapons may be stored in family quarters under the following conditions.

a. Weapons must not be loaded.

b. Weapons must be stored in a locked container or cabinet, and not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.

c. Ammunition and hard tipped arrows must be stored separately from firearms and bows.

7. Transporting Weapons. Authorized weapons may be transported in vehicles under the following conditions.

a. Weapons are transported directly to or from an authorized function.

b. Stored in the trunk of the vehicle, or openly if the vehicle does not have a trunk.

c. Weapons are unloaded, and stored separately from their ammunition.

8. Prohibited Weapons/Ammunition. It is prohibited to possess, transport, store, trade, or sell any of the below listed personally owned weapons/ammunition on the installation.

a. Armor Piercing Ammunition.

b. Cane swords and/or other instruments with sharp points or blades that are disguised to appear innocuous, but were manufactured or modified for the purpose of stabbing or cutting.

c. Clubs such as nightsticks, saps, slappers, blackjacks, numbhucks, tomahawks, and/or other devices that were made, designed or adapted to inflict serious bodily harm or death to a person.

d. Explosive devices or the components of such devices.

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e. Automatic weapons.

f. Weapons in which the importers' or manufacturers' serial number has been removed or altered.

g. Silencers.

h. Hoax bombs.

i. Knives with blades longer than 5½ inches in length, automatically release or open from the handle (switch blades knives, see glossary), daggers (to include but not limited to a dirk, stiletto, and poniard), bowie knives, martial arts throwing stars, and/or other knives/devices that were designed or adapted to stab or cut when thrown. The only exceptions are knives that are manufactured for preparing foods or for other legal purposes; and ceremonial knives being transported to and from an authorized functions.

j. Devices that were made, designed, or adapted to be worn over the knuckles or cuffed in the hand for the purpose of causing serious bodily injury or death by striking another person with a fist.

k. Shooting pens or other pressure, spring or percussion type devices that were designed to appear innocuous, but were manufactured or adapted for the purpose of discharging a projectile, producing an electrical shock, or producing a toxic agent that can cause serious bodily injury or death.

l. Illegal or unauthorized war trophies.

m. Blow guns or similar devices that expel a dart or other object that can cause serious bodily injury or death.

n. Zip guns.

o. Chemical dispensing devices that were manufactured, designed or adapted for the purpose of causing an adverse psychological or physiological effect on a human being. The only exception are small non-toxic chemical dispensers sold commercially for self-protection.

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9. Prohibited Acts Associated with a Weapon. In addition to the restrictions in paragraph 1 above, it is strictly forbidden for anyone to execute or attempt to execute any of the following acts while on the installation.

a. Use or otherwise possess weapons while:

(1) Intoxicated.

(2) Under the age of eighteen, except minors under the supervision of an adult, at an authorized location or function.

(3) Under indictment for a crime punishable by more than one-year imprisonment or a felon who has been convicted and imprisoned for more than one year.

(4) A fugitive from justice.

(5) An unlawful user of, or addicted to controlled substances (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substance Act - 21 USC. 802).

(6) A patient of a mental institution, or a person adjudicated as a mental defective.

(7) An alien illegally in the United States.

(8) In the commission of an unlawful act.

b. Give, sell, loan, lease, or trade a weapon to anyone who has been discharged from the armed forces under dishonorable conditions, or who was a citizen of the United States and renounced his/her citizenship.

c. Illegally brandish or display a weapon in a threatening or menacing manner.

d. Conceal a weapon on your person.

e. Carry a personally owned weapon while performing military duties.

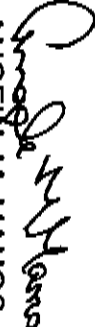
f. Store or otherwise maintain a weapon where it is easily accessible to children, or other unauthorized persons.

g. Transport, store, or possess a loaded weapon.

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- h. Possess, transport, or store a weapon while participating in field training exercises.
 - i. Discharge a weapon except at authorized functions.
 - j. Possess or store a knife with a blade longer than three-inches in the living areas of the Audie Murphy Barracks Complex, offices, or other administrative areas, with the exception of unit arms rooms.
10. Law Enforcement Exception. Except as provided in AR 190-14, paragraph 2-6b, personnel in law enforcement, security or other related occupations which legally require or authorize the carrying of firearms are exempt from the prohibitions in paragraph 7 provided such persons:
- a. Are in possession of valid badge and credentials from a recognized law enforcement agency.
 - b. Have a legitimate purpose to be on the installation.
 - c. Are in possession of a legal weapon.
11. All weapons, ammunition, and other prohibited items seized pursuant to this regulation as contraband will be treated as evidence of a crime and processed in accordance with AR 195-5, Evidence Procedures.
12. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Emergency Services.


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